

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 4:21 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilor Margaret L. Dudley and Councilor Kevin D. Heitke.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on August 15, 2008; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

2. Discuss and act on electing a chair and vice chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee.

VOTED that Margaret Dudley be appointed Chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

VOTED that Kevin Heitke be appointed Vice Chair

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

3. Discuss and act on establishing a regular schedule of the Ordinance Subcommittee.

VOTED to set the meetings for the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Council President Nancy F. Binns. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

4. Consider and discuss a floodplain ordinance.

VOTED to open.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

Building/Zoning Official Joseph Raymond explained the purpose, importance and timing of the ordinance. He stated that this will replace the existing ordinance which is currently part of the zoning code.

Town Solicitor Timothy F. Kane explained that the current ordinance needs to be updated in order to continue participating in the national flood insurance program. Failure to implement these changes could result in residents' flood insurance becoming null and void.

Fees and requirements associated with permitting were discussed.

MOTION to table until the solicitor has reviewed the document and has come back with recommendations.

Building/Zoning Official Joseph Raymond reminded the Committee of the importance of passing the ordinance in a timely manner.

VOTED to refer to Town Council contingent on the solicitor's final review of the document.

Amended motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

5. Consider and discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Animals.

VOTED to table until Town Council discussion on Goals and Objectives.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

6. Consider and discuss amendments to Chapter 10.5, Community Development.

VOTED to table.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

7. Consider and discuss various proposals for amending Chapter 30, Zoning.

Town Manager Michael C. Wood stated that there are some housekeeping matters that will need to be addressed. Town Solicitor Timothy F. Kane will prepare a memo listing these items for the next meeting. The solicitor discussed several other zoning matters which should be reviewed next.

VOTED to table to next month.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

8. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings:

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley stated that she would like to revisit the

compensation package for elected officials. Town Manager Michael C. Wood stated that the full Council will review this matter with Goals and Objectives.

9. Other business: None

10. VOTED to adjourn at 4:50 P.M.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk